

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

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In the Matter of the Search of
(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)

Case No.

3:19-mj-194

Priority Mail Express Parcel Label Number EE184258735US, postmarked April 8, 2019, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces addressed to Robert Wallace 3560 Detroit AVE Dayton OH 45416 with a return address of J. Wallace 830 S Euclid ave Dayton, OH 45417.

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Priority Mail Express Parcel Label Number EE184258735US

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of: Title 21

Code Section	Offense Description
841 (a) (1), 843 (b) & 846	Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
	Use of a communication facility to commit a felony
	Conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance

The application is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit of U.S. Postal Inspector Dorman

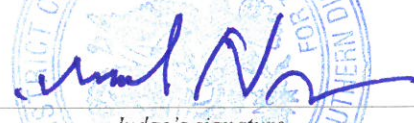
- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
- ☐ Delayed notice _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.


Applicant's signature
Joseph L. Rossiter, U.S. Postal Inspector
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 4/9/19

City and state: Dayton, Ohio


Judge's signature
Honorable Michael J. Newman
United States Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
DAYTON, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

I, JOSEPH ROSSITER, HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, DEPOSE AND STATE: I am a United States Postal Inspector and have been since May 2016. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, Pittsburgh Division, with investigative responsibility for southeast Indiana and southern Ohio. Part of my responsibility involves investigating the use of the United States Mail in the transportation of narcotics, other dangerous controlled substances, and financial proceeds from, or instrumentalities used in, the sale of such narcotics and controlled substances (hereinafter, "Drugs and/or Proceeds").

Based on my training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, I have become aware that drug traffickers frequently use United States Priority Mail Express (overnight) or Priority Mail (2-3-day) to transport Drugs and/or Proceeds. Additionally, as a result of prior investigations and successful controlled-substance prosecutions involving the use of the United States Mail, I have learned of certain characteristics and/or circumstances indicating that a package may contain Drugs and/or Proceeds. These circumstances and/or characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the mailer uses different post offices on the same day to send packages, the return address is false or non-existent, the addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, the labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors are emanating from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

On April 9, 2019, I intercepted a package (hereinafter, the "Parcel") at the Dayton Distribution and Process Plant (P&DC) in Dayton, OH. The Parcel is a Priority Express Mail, large brown box, bearing label number EE184258735US, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces, postmarked April 8, 2019, with the following address information:

Sender: J. Wallace
830 S euclid ave
Dayton, OH 45417

Addressee: Robert Wallace
3560 Detroit AVE
Dayton OH 45416

According to the label the sender is located in Dayton, OH as well as the addressee. However, according to Postal Records the Parcel was sent from Las Vegas, NV. Through training and experience I know that Las Vegas, NV is known drug source location.

I did a check in CLEAR of the addressee's information on the Parcel of Robert Wallace 3560 Detroit AVE Dayton OH 45416. CLEAR is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool for investigators to identify person/business and address information. According to CLEAR, there is no "Robert Wallace" associated with 3560 Detroit Ave, Dayton, OH 45416.

I also did a check in CLEAR of the sender's information on the Parcel of J. Wallace 830 S euclid ave Dayton, OH 45417. According to CLEAR, there is no "J. Wallace" associated with 830 S Euclid Ave, Dayton, OH 45417.

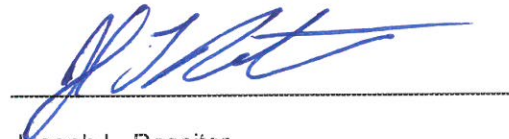
Later on April 9, 2019, at my request, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Detective Anthony Hutson conducted a narcotics-detection canine check of the Parcel. I was present for the check. The Parcel was placed in a controlled area and presented to narcotics-detection canine, "Gunner." As set forth in the attached affidavit of Detective Hutson, "Gunner" alerted positively to the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

Based on my training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, the foregoing circumstances – including (i) the Parcel being sent from a known drug source location and (ii) the absence of a known

association between the recipient and the recipient's address and the sender and the return address, and
(iii) the positive alert of the narcotics-detection canine -- are indicative of Drugs and/or Proceeds in the
Parcel.

Therefore, a search warrant to open the Parcel is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

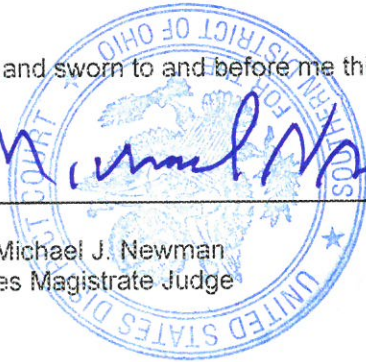


Joseph L. Rossiter
Postal Inspector

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this 9 day of April, 2019.



Honorable Michael J. Newman
United States Magistrate Judge





UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Officer ANTHONY HUTSON, am and have been employed by the MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE since 1998. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned handler of narcotics detection canine "GUNNER" which is trained and certified in the detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

Marijuana, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Heroin

On 4-9-19, at the request of Postal Inspector ROSSITER, I responded to the DAYTON P&DC, where "GUNNER" did alert to and indicate upon: [describe item]

<u>EE184258735US</u>	
<u>J. Wallace</u>	<u>Robert Wallace</u>
<u>630 S Euclid Ave</u>	<u>3560 Detroit AVE</u>
<u>Dayton, OH 45417</u>	<u>Dayton OH 45416</u>

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "GUNNER", indicates there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

[Signature] 101
(Signature, Badge #, and Date)

[Signature] 4/9/19
(Witness/Date)